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E. O. 11652: GDS TAGS: EAID, ETRD

SUBJECT: INITIAL CALL ON MINISTER OF FINANCE SAPIR
IN MY INITIAL CALL ON MINISTER OF FINANCE SAPIR I HAD
OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS GRATIFICATION THAT HE HAD HELPED OBTAIN
\$45 MILLION ELECTRIC GENERATING CONTRACT FOR GENERAL ELECTRIC.
SAPIR TOLD ME HE HAD PROMISED VOLCKER OF TREASURY IN FEBRUARY
TO BE HELPFUL ABOUT BUYING US PRODUCTS WHENEVER POSSIBLE AND
THAT DECISION TO AWARD ELECTRIC GENERATING CONTRACT TO US FIRM
HAD NOT BEEN EASY. HE SAID BRITISH HAD LAST WEEK IN LONDON
CRITICIZED HIS DECISION TO AWARD CONTRACT TO US FIRM AT BID
HIGHER THAN BRITISH AFTER HAVING CALLED FOR OPEN COMPETITIVE
BIDS.

2. I ALSO NOTED OUR CONCERN AT EC-PREFERENTIAL ARRANGEMENTS. SAPIR RECALLED HIS CONVERSATIONS IN FEBRUARY ON THIS SUBJECT WITH SECRETARY SHULTZ. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD MINISTER OF CONFIDENTIAL

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COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY BAR-LEV WOULD BE USING CURRENT TOKYO

MEETING TO DISCUSS SUBJECT FURTHER WITH EC REPS AND WITH USDEL.

3. IN BRIEF DISCUSSION OF LIKELY FUTURE GOI POLICY IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, SAPIR DESCRIBED GALILI DOCUMENT AS COMPROMISE AND EXPRESSED VIEW "ISRAEL WILL BE MORE CLEVER ABOUT OCCUPIED TERRITORIES ISSUE AFTER ISRAELI ELECTIONS." HE SAID HE HAD AGREED TO GALILI COMPROMISE BECAUSE IT WOULD IMPROVE PHYSICAL LOT OF ARABS IN TERRITORIES. HE SAID HE DID NOT THINK IMPROVEMENT OF LIVING STANDARDS OF THESE ARABS WOULD HAVE EFFECT ON EGYPTIAN OR SYRIAN READINESS TO NEGOTIATE, BUT MIGHT AFFECT JORDAN'S STANCE SOMEWHAT. KEATING

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